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1. WE APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR JAFFAR'S OFFER OF KUWAITI POUCH FACILITIES TO CONVEY US PATROL BOAT BIDS TO MOD HERE (REFTEL). AFTER PERUSAL OF AVAILABLE FLIGHT CONNECTIONS, HOWEVER, WE CONCLUDE THAT KUWAITI POUCH CANNOT ARRIVE KUWAIT MOD BEFORE JULY 31 BID DEADLINE IF IT LEAVES WASHINGTON ON JULY 30. ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS, EVEN IF KUWAITI POUCH COMES BY MOST RAPID COMMERCIAL MEANS, AND BIDS RECEIVED SPECIAL HANDLING FROM DEPARTURE JULY 30 UNTIL ARRIVAL AT MOD, AIRCRAFT CARRYING POUCH COULD NOT ARRIVE IN KUWAIT UNTIL LATE IN EVENING OF JULY 31, WELL AFTER CLOSING TIME OF MOD (1 P.M. LOCAL TIME).

2. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH LATE US COMMERCIAL BIDS HAS NOT BEEN GOOD--WE HAVE NOT FOUND THE GOK TOLERANT. HOWEVER, FACT THAT BIDS WILL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO KUWAITI EMBASSY BEFORE DEADLINE MAY PROVE SATISFACTORY TO MOD, PARTICULARLY IF AMB JAFFAR HAS WARNED THEM IN ADVANCE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT. IF DESIRED, EMBASSY COULD ALSO BRING THIS ARRANGEMENT TO ATTENTION OF MOD TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE WAS NAY OBJECTION ON THEIR PART. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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